1	2	3	4	5
20	Punjab	4028	4161	4240
21	Rajasthan	8206	6732	7123
22	Sikkim	208	402	386
23	Tamil Nadu	132861	177766	120885
24	Tripura	406	703	831
25	Uttar Pradesh	966142	477893	4610
26	Uttarakhand	1474	11934	136
27	West Bengal	1691	3532	6389
28	And. and Nico. Islands	6	97	22
29	U.T. Chandigarh	694	576	401
30	Delhi	13028	14391	11768
31	U.T. Puducherry	1433	1433	543

Shortage of rooms in indore bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court

†2828. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sufficient rooms are not there in Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court, to hear the cases by the hon'ble judges;

(b) if so, by when the rooms would be made available;

(c) whether there is any shortage of rooms for the Judges in other High Courts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Providing basic infrastructure for functioning of High Courts including rooms for hearing of cases is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. In formation on shortage of rooms for judges is not maintained centrally. However, Central Government is implementing a scheme under which financial assistance is provided to the States for construction of court buildings and the States are required to provide matching share.

Appointment of High Court Judges

†2829. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed for appointment of Judges of High Courts;

(b) whether it is a fact that nepotism has increased in such appointments for want of transparency; and

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(c) if not, the status of the sons and progenies of judges in such appointment during the last three years along with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Pursuant to the Judgment of the Supreme Court dated October 6, 1993 in the case of Supreme Court Advocates on Record and Anr. *Vs.* Union of India, and the Advisory Opinion of the Supreme Court dated October 28, 1998, the proposals for appointment of Judges in High Courts are to be initiated by the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court. The Government refers the recommendation of the Chief Justice of concerned High Court, the State Constitutional authorities and other inputs to the Chief Justice of India for advice. On receipt of the advice of the Chief Justice of India, the recommendations are processed for submission to PM/ President for approval. After approval, the Notification for the appointment of the person as a Judge of the High Court is issued.

Since recommendations for appointment of the Judges are to be initiated by the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned, Government is not maintaining any statistics about the status of progenies of judges in appointment of Judges of the High Court.

Increase in posts of High Court Judges

†2830. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for fixing the number of Judges in High Courts;

(b) the procedure for increasing the number of sanctioned posts of Judges in a High Court;

(c) whether any proposal to increase the number of sanctioned posts of Judges in Jharkhand High Courts is under consideration; and

(d) if not, whether Government intend to consider the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTCE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

As per the guidelines, the required strength of permanent Judges in a High Court is worked out by dividing the average institution of main cases during the last five years by the national average or the average rate of disposal of main cases per Judge per year in that High Court, whichever is higher.

1.2 Similarly, the required strength of Additional judges in a High Court is worked out by dividing the number of main cases pending over two years by the national average or the average rate of disposal of main cases per Judge per year in that High Court, whichever is higher.

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